(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to have diplomatic representatives in all the ersrtwhile Soviet Republic especially Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and the Eastern Islamic Republics?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir. Some tentative suggestions have been made in this direction and are under Government's consideration.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir. At this stage Government are not considering establishment of resident Missions in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania nor in all of the Central Asian and Trans-Caucasian Republics of the USSR. Concurrent accreditation is being considered as a method for establishing diplomatic contacts.

Fishermen kept in Bangladesh Jail

1663. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI:

SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two rishermen belonging to Tamil Nadu were kept in Jail in Bangladesh; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by our embassy to release the fishermen?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Assistant High Commission of India, Chittagong extended consular assistance including engaging of a local lawyer. With intervention of Indian Mission, the two fishermen were safely repatriated to Calcutta on 5-11-1991.

Dicussion on Aid to establish Multi Party Democracies

1664. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 282 given in Rajya Sabha on the 26th November, 1991 and state:

(a) whether at the Common Wealth Summit meet at Harare, India opposed the proposal to link aid to establishing multi party democracies and good government;

(b) if so, what was the original British and Canadian proposal and what was the Indian stand in regard thereto; and

(c) the final decision of CHOGM in regard thereto and the Government's' reaction thereon?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) to (c) During the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) at Harare, some countries referred to linkages between overseas development assistance and respect for democratic norms and Human Rights, or for "good government". However, there was no formal proposal about such a linkage in the Meeting. While India fully respects and observes democratic norm's and Human Rights etc., it regards such a linkage as inappropriate.

THE CHOGM documents do not refer to this issue.

भारतीय विदेश नीति में परिवर्तन

1665. श्री राम अवधेश सिंह : क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार सोवियत संघ के विघटन के पश्चात् भारतीय विदेश नीति में भारी परिवर्तन करने का विचार रखती है और यदि हां, तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है ;